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RESPONSE TO NONFINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 17 January 2011 by Examiner Sims,
consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is solicited.

No additional fee is believed due because the Claims now number 20 including 2
independent claims.

The Undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to
1571 273 8300 Central fax of the USPTO on 9 April 2011.

INTERVIEW

Examiner Jason Sims is especially thanked and commended for the Interview he held April 7, 2011 at which Prof. George Fox and the undersigned attorney were present by telephone. Examiner Sims not only permitted the interview on short notice, but also helpfully suggested language for Claim 4A and then confirmed that wording with the SPE, and phoned wording back to Applicants' Attorney after the interview. His action is in the finest traditions of the US Patent Office. Amended Claims 4, 10 and 40 herein reflect the discussions at the interview